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Applicant traverses the rejections of the claims and requests reconsideration and allowance of all of the claims.

IN THE DRAWINGS:

Applicant herewith encloses a substitute sheet of drawings correcting FIG. 3 to include reference numeral 18.

IN THE SPECIFICATION:

On page 3, line 15, please change "object plane 13" to --object plane 12--.

IN THE CLAIMS:

The following listing of the claims replaces all previous such listings and represents the current claims on file.